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SUBJ: QATAR PUBLISHES 1976 DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

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1. QATAR LAUNCHED 1976 BUDGET BY AMIRI DECREE JAN 14, FOLLOWING RUBBER STAMP APPROVAL BY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SAME DAY. EFFECTIVE DATE OF BUDGET IS JAN 3.

2. DEVELOPMENT BUDGET TOTAL IS RECORD 3942 MILLION QATARI ROYALS, NEARLY \$1 BILLION (\$1.00 EQUALS QR 3.98). THIS IS 120 PERCENT INCREASE OVER 1975 BUDGET OF QR 1793 MILLION. IN STATEMENT ACCOMPANYING BUDGET, MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PETROLEUM SHAYKH ABDUL AZIZ BIN KHALIFA AL THANI NOTED THAT RECORD FIGURE REFLECTS INTENT OF GOQ TO STRENGTHEN ECONOMIC BASE OF COUNTRY BY CONCENTRATING ON DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN GENERAL AND INDUSTRIALIZATION IN PARTICULAR.

3. BUDGET IS DIVIDED INTO FIVE SEPARATE CATEGORIES. GENERAL BREAKDOWN FOLLOWS (1975 FIGURES IN PARENTHESES):

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A. INDUSTRIAL SECTOR (HEAVY INDUSTRY) QR 1495 MILLION (1975:

QR 305 MILLION).

B. SOCIAL SERVICES (HOUSING ELECTRICITY AND WATER PROJECTS)  
QR 858 MILLION (1975: QR 602 MILLION).

C. ECONOMIC SERVICES (TRANSPORTATION, AGRICULTURAL AND SUPPORT  
INDUSTRY PROJECTS) QR 1062 MILLION (1975: QR 477 MILLION).

D. SOCIAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES (CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL,  
HEALTH AND INFORMATION PROJECTS) QR 354 MILLION (1975: QR  
275 MILLION).

E. GENERAL SERVICES (ADMINISTRATION, SECURITY AND JUSTICE  
PROJECTS) QR 173 MILLION (1975: QR 144 MILLION).

4. IN LINE WITH NORMAL PRACTICE, NO FIGURES FOR CURRENT  
EXPENSES (INCLUDING FOREIGN AID) OR ANTICIPATED REVENUES  
WERE PUBLISHED. HOWEVER, BASED ON ROUGH EMBASSY ESTIMATES,  
IT APPEARS THAT ENORMOUS INCREASES IN DEVELOPMENT BUDGET  
COULD RUN GOQ INTO RED FOR 1976, FORCING GOVERNMENT TO DIP  
INTO CURRENT ACCOUNT SURPLUSES ACCUMULATED IN PREVIOUS YEARS.  
FURTHER BREAKDOWN AND ANALYSIS OF BUDGET WILL BE PROVIDED  
BY AIRGRAM.

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